

Cavendish Church of England Primary School

Newsletter - Summer Term 2020

Friday 3rd July 2020 No: 037

Challenge, Creativity, Compassion: Create a pure heart in me – Psalm 51:10



Prayer of the week – Michael T

Dear God,

Thank you for the trees and the wildlife in the mighty world.

Thank you for the plants that grow.

Amen

Headteacher Awards

Headteacher awards this week were given to Ivy-May - Mars Bubble; Lindon-Lee – Jupiter Bubble, Daniel – Key Worker Bubble.

Key Worker Provision

Please note that once Key Worker places are allocated, these are available for full time provision as the table and equipment will not be used by any other child. If you have any queries, please phone the school.

Staffing News

Mrs Reynolds will be leaving us at the end of term to go and work in a larger school and further develop her teaching career with a new experience. Mrs Reynolds came to us as a Newly Qualified Teacher and we are pleased she has continued to develop her career here and is now ready to take on subject leadership at her new school. I am sure you will join me in wishing her every success in her new setting.

Next year Neptune class will be led by Mrs Williams. Mrs Williams is a highly experienced teacher whose specialism is English. She has many years' experience of supporting a creative curriculum and is very much looking forward to joining our setting and meeting the children and families. Do please read the social distance picnic information below.

Class Transition – Socially distanced picnics !

We are inviting children who have not had the opportunity to return to school this term to socially distanced picnics where they will be able to come in to school to see their friends and teacher and to meet next year's teacher if they are changing class. Children are invited to bring a picnic and something to sit on into school. Children who use an inhaler should bring their home inhaler with them for this picnic in their picnic bag. Picnics will be held from 1.00-2.00pm. Adults are unable to be admitted on site due to current Risk Assessments so children will be met at the main gate by a staff member and offered either sanitiser or the opportunity to wash their hands. Children will be brought back to the main gate for collection at the end of the picnic to be met by their parents. Whilst children will be allowed to use the toilets if necessary, we would prefer that this is kept to a minimum to safely manage the risk and safety of children who are already in school. If the weather is wet, children will be picnicking in one of the unused classrooms in school. Children who are already attending school in a Key Worker or a Year Group bubble will have their picnics in the last three days of term.

Year 2 – Children in Year 2 who are not already in school as Key Workers are invited to attend a picnic with Miss Gant and Mrs Clarke on Wednesday 8th July, 1.00-2.00pm.

Year 3 – Children in Year 3 who are not already in school as Key Workers are invited to attend a picnic with Mrs Clarke and Mrs Ward on Tuesday 7th July, 1.00-2.00pm.

Year 4 and Year 5 – Children in both these year groups who are not already in school as Key Workers are invited to attend a picnic with Mrs Clarke and Mrs Williams on Thursday 9th July, 1.00-2.00pm.

Key Worker children who will be in Neptune class next year will also have the opportunity for a meet and greet with Mrs Williams in the afternoon of Thursday 9th July.

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School Opening Autumn Term

As you will be aware, the Government is currently releasing information and guidance for schools for September 2020. Whilst current aims are for a full return of all year groups to school in September where attendance is, once again, mandatory, this may be subject to localised changes and is subject to further guidance which is scheduled to be published by the Government in August. Currently, families, as with schools, should plan for a full return on Thursday 3rd September 2020. We will put any updates on the school website but you may prefer to be contacted by email and we will use this method for all families for whom we have an email address.

Learning Pack 7

Learning Pack 7 will be available for collection from Monday, 6th July and will cover the period up until Friday, 17th July. This will be the last Learning Pack for this term. To support social distancing we are requesting that packs are collected/returned between the hours of 10.00am-2.00pm only. Please telephone or email the school so your pack can be placed outside in advance. For the remaining 3 days of term, 20th-22nd July inclusive, we will be setting a series of 6 activities entitled 'The Cavendish Challenge'. Further details are included in Learning Pack 7.

School Reports

School Reports are ready for collection with Learning Packs from 10.00am on Monday, 6th July. Please do email or telephone the school before you arrive as, due to the confidential nature of the report, they cannot be left out on the table in the entrance lobby and must be collected individually. Please note that we would require written consent before a child's report can be released to a person who is not the legal parent or guardian.

Year 6 Activity Week

We are delighted to be inviting Year 6 to join us at school for an activity week from 13th July. In this week we will be covering our own Covid-19 version of all our traditional rites of passage which each Year 6 experiences in the summer term. Children in Year 6 should wear school uniform on Monday and Friday (or as close as still fits you!), Forest School clothes on Tuesday and Wednesday, and PE Kit on Thursday. They will require a water bottle and packed lunch each day but under our Covid-19 risk assessment no pencil cases, personal reading equipment or any other items should be brought in to school. Thank you to all of those who have replied promptly to their invitation. If you have not already done so, please confirm attendance by email or phone to the school office.

Year 6 Transition to Secondary School

As part of the Year 6 Activity Week we have arranged for our main secondary school providers to come and talk to the children at Cavendish. This will enable children to ask any questions they may have and support the transition work already being done directly with families.

Reception 2020

Mrs Lewis has really enjoyed speaking to the families of next year's Reception class. You should all now be in receipt of your 'All about me' booklets along with copies of the school policy and procedure for Foundation Stage. Once you and your child have completed the booklet, please telephone or email the school so we can arrange a social distance meet and greet on the village green with Mrs Lewis to meet you in person.

Kingswood Residential

Naturally we share your disappointment that this residential visit has been unable to take place. Please be assured that we are in communication with the providers and will be contacting families as soon as we have a committed outcome.

Relationships and Sex Education Policy and Procedures

New Government guidelines for relationships and sex education content to be delivered in schools is changing in the academic year commencing September 2020. We are inviting parents and carers to share their views about our existing provision and suggestions for further improvement which will be taken in consultation with new statutory guidelines. You may wish to complete a brief questionnaire or free type your views. Please send either your responses or request a copy of the questionnaire by email.

St Mary's Church

For your information, Cavendish St Mary's Church is now open for private prayer and reflection between 10.00am to 12.00 noon each Sunday.

School Dinner Credit/Debit

We are in discussion with some families regarding school meal provision. Existing credits/debits for school lunches will be carried forward to September. If you would like information on your individual position, please email a request to the school. Families of children who are in receipt of free school meals will be contacted next week regarding the summer holiday meal provision.

Free School Meals

There has been much media coverage about extending the provision of free school meals to cover the summer holiday period. Currently the school has not been given specific guidance about how this would be implemented. However, if your circumstances at home have changed and you feel you may now be eligible, please see the information below to check if your child is eligible. If you are able to apply online, you will receive an immediate response or please call 0345 606 6067 for advice.

<https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/children-families-and-learning/schools/school-meals-uniforms-and-trips/apply-for-free-school-meals/>

Your child will get free school meals if you receive any of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Job Seeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit but **no element of Working Tax Credit** and have an annual income (as assessed by HM Revenues & Customs) that does not exceed £16,190
- If you are supported under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Working Tax Credit during the four-week period immediately after your employment finishes or after you start to work fewer hours per week
- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400 (£616.67 per month), as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods).

Attendance

Following the government guidance, it is important to note that any child who is ill, or any child who does not feel unwell but is displaying covid-19 symptoms, should NOT attend school, and we are asking families to err on the side of caution during this phase. Any child displaying symptoms of:

- Temperature
- Cough
- Loss of sense of smell
- Loss of taste

(as specified 19.5.2020)

will have their parent or carer informed for immediate collection, and will be expected to self-isolate until a negative test result is received. Any siblings in attendance will also require collection at the same time.

Government guidance states anybody with symptoms is now eligible for testing. Please note the test **MUST** be taken within 3-5 days of symptoms emerging. Children will be allowed back into school once a negative test result is confirmed with a copy sent to the school, and they feel well enough to attend.

Attendance – Booked Holidays

Whilst Government criteria and legislation is subject to frequent review and may change, please note that any family taking a holiday abroad will need to return to England by 19th August 2020 in order to meet the 14 day quarantine period so their child is able to return to school at the start of term. Current Government expectation is that all children will return to school in September although exact details of this have yet to be released. 2020-2021 term dates are detailed at the end of this Newsletter.

Staying Safe Online

Please see below a link you may find helpful which has plenty of useful tips and strategies and is able to be read on phones and tablets. There are articles on home schooling, managing emotions during this period, ways to keep kids occupied, and much more:

www.triplep-parenting.uk.net/uk-en/special-editions/positive-parenting-during-covid-19-uk/

Department for Education Coronavirus helpline

Guidance is available from the Department for Education to answer questions about COVID-19 related to education. The helpline details are as follows:

Phone: 0800 046 8687 Email: DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk

Opening hours are 8am to 6pm Monday to Friday.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers>

School Uniform

We have some limited stock of school uniform available at 2019/2020 prices. Please complete the order form (available on the school website) and submit if you would like new uniform. Payment should be made at the time of order. Please note we have been advised by our suppliers that prices will need to increase from September with the arrival of new stock. There are no changes to any of the school uniform designs or requirements. Please do take time to label any new items as the amount of clothing which is never reclaimed from lost property causes us dismay from an ecological and financial viewpoint.



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School Term and Holiday dates 2020/2021

Autumn Term

PD Day	Tuesday 1 and Wednesday 2 September
Children Start	Thursday 3 September
Half term	Monday 26 October to Friday 30 October
Last day	Thursday 17 December
PD Day	Friday 18 December

Spring Term

PD Day	Monday 4 January
Children Start	Tuesday 5 January
Half term	Monday 15 February to Friday 19 February
Last day	Friday 26 March

Summer Term

PD Day	Monday 12 April
Children Start	Tuesday 13 April
Half term	Monday 31 May to Friday 4 June
Last day	Tuesday 20 July